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WEATHER REPORT
Fair tonight, with light frost, Sun
day fair; light northwest winds.
Tomorrow—High-tide 8:32 a. m.
and 8:45 p. m.

NEW PLANS FOR RAILWAY MERGER

"Washington Utilities" to be
Name of Md.-Va., Rail-
way Company.

CAPITAL 50 MILLIONS.

Meeting to be Held in Alexandria No-
vember 10th When Change Will be
Approved.

The great Alexandria corporation known as the Maryland-Virginia Railway Company which has figured so largely in the public eye during the past month is to undergo another change and will lose its identity under the name of "Washington Utilities." According to a report published this morning and confirmed by Gardner L. Boothe, secretary of the company a meeting of the Maryland-Virginia Company is to be held in its offices on November 10th, at which time the stockholders will vote on three propositions.

First—The amendment to the charter of the company, changing the name to the Washington Utilities Company.

Second—An amendment to the charter of the company, increasing the maximum authorized stock from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Third—To consider the creation of a bonded indebtedness, not in excess of \$100,000,000 to be secured by lien on real personal property now owned or hereafter to be acquired by the company.

The directors of the corporation have approved of these three propositions, and this means that the actual action incident to the change of name and the increase in stock and bonded indebtedness will be taken at the time and place mentioned.

The Maryland-Virginia Railway Company, as a title, has served its purpose. It kept the matter under cover as to actual aims and purposes until a very large part of the capital stock of the Washington Railway and Electric Company's common and preferred shares had found their way into the coffers of the corporation, and likewise many shares of the Washington-Virginia Company.

Officials of the Maryland-Virginia Company have made the statement frequently that this proposition is simply a financing movement of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, but they have added that it would be made big enough to take in other utilities, if they cared to come in, to knock for admittance.

The new company however will not include the Arlington Electric Co., or the Braddock Light and Power Co., as since the decision of the Virginia State Corporation Commissioner the question of a merger between these companies and the Maryland Virginia Company has been completely dropped.

Odd Fellow's Rally.
Preparations for the Odd Fellow's rally to take place at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, on the night of November 19 are being perfected, and an interesting occasion is anticipated by the many who will attend. The gathering will be composed of members of lodges from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Seventeen lodges from this neighborhood will assemble in Alexandria on the evening of the 19th, and will take a special train for Washington. About twenty-five candidates will be furnished by lodges in this district. The patriarchs militant of this city, 33 strong, will escort the members of the fraternity.

Mutual Ice Company's Plant.
The work of constructing a new icing plant at the Potomac Railroad yards, by the Mutual Ice Company, of this city, progresses rapidly. As has been stated the company has drilled a well at the site of the plant which sends forth a heavy stream of clear water. Many Alexandrians visit the place and drink of the water which they pronounce excellent. Messrs. Henry K. Field & Co., are furnishing the lumber, mill work and cement for the new structure. This firm is also furnishing material for the new Sunday school building of the Second Presbyterian church.

GRAND JURY IN COUNTY.

Court Orders Special Grand Jury to Investigate Taxation.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton on yesterday ordered a special grand jury composed of J. P. Baldwin, J. G. Dudley, George R. Reese, C. W. Cathcart, W. C. Wbert, George G. Crossman, D. N. Rust, Jr., H. R. Thomas, and W. W. Burdett to inquire into the personal assessment of Alexandria county for the year 1912. The court orders the special grand jury for this inquiry upon the request of the Auditor of Public Accounts, Lee B. Moore. The auditor thinks that a very small percentage of the citizens of Alexandria county have complied with the law in reference to reporting incomes; also that many owners of automobiles have failed to return them to the Commissioner of Revenue, for taxation. It is likely true that a very small proportion of persons who should pay an income tax are doing so. It is said there are 13 paying upon incomes this year but prior to this year, however, never more than two persons have paid an income tax in Alexandria county although the law required that all persons receiving an income of over \$2,000 in the present year are required to report the same to the Commissioner of Revenue for taxation.

There are many automobiles owned in Alexandria county, but few, if any it is said, have been returned for assessment.

The report of the grand jury, to convene on Monday, will be interesting and is awaited with considerable interest.

FLOYD ALLEN AND SON.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 26.—Handcuffed together, Floyd Allen and his son, Claude Swanson Allen, were brought to the state prison here today and placed in the grim tier of cells set aside for those condemned to die. The two Hillsville Mountaineers are sentenced to die in the electric chair on November 22.

Both showed the effects of their long confinement. Floyd Allen walked with a crutch the bullet wound he received in the shooting in Judge Massey's court room last March not having healed perfectly.

Clapp Committee.
Washington, Oct. 26.—Four weeks of investigation of campaign contributions was closed today by the Clapp Committee of the Senate. At 12:15 this afternoon the senate adjourned indefinitely. They may resume after election or possibly not until Congress convenes.

Bull Moose were the final subjects of the committee's attention today. Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, Progressive candidate for governor of Indiana, and Harry C. Starr, of Chicago, former Hoosier political leader, were examined today. They disclosed their financial activities of the 1904 campaign.

A delineation by Beveridge of his Damon and Pythias friendship with George W. Perkins was a feature of the hearing.

Railroads in China.
Shanghai, Oct. 26.—Construction work in accordance with Dr. Sun Yat Sen's plan for gridironing China with a huge system of state owned railroads will be begun on a large scale in the spring, the doctor stated today.

Dr. Sun's theory is that China can never make any progress until it has better transportation facilities. When it does have them, he believes it will speedily become one of the greatest countries in the world. He proposes to have the projected system in full operation in about 10 years. He has practically abandoned politics since President Yuan Shi Kai appointed him head of the National Transportation Development Enterprise.

Payment of an initial loan of \$10,000,000 from a Belgian syndicate for railroad building is already in progress.

Fined For Gunning.

A. J. Payne, game warden of Fairfax county, yesterday arrested Aubrey Pettie on the charge of gunning on Sunday. The accused was conducted before Justice Troth at Accotink, who levied an assessment of \$10.20, fine and costs. Pettie said upon leaving the justice's court that he could now sleep as he had paid for the duck he shot.

MEAGRE NEWS FROM MEXICO

Believed That Majors Lima and Migenti Were Shot At Sunrise.

DIAZ'S FATE IN DOUBT.

Information Refused by the Mexican Officials—Madero Has Not Furnished News.

Mexico City, Oct. 26.—It is believed here that officers Lima and Migenti of Gen. Diaz's late rebel army were expected at Vera Cruz early today. Late reports stated that the court martial sentenced them to be shot at sunrise. Government officials refused to give out any information early today and the fate of General Diaz was also still in doubt. Extra editions of the newspapers late last night declared that Diaz had been court martialed, and might face the firing squad with Lima and Migenti. The story was doubted however, as the federal court here issued an order transferring Diaz from the jurisdiction of the military court.

President Madero has not furnished the house of deputies with any information concerning the Vera Cruz court martial and a demand was made on him today for all details. It is taken for granted that he will not reply until the military court has completed its work.

Mexico City Oct. 26.—In the Senate today Francisco De La Bara who was provisional president of Mexico preceding President Madero strongly urged caution and deliberation in investigating the Diaz revolutionary attempt.

Fire in Chicago.
Chicago, Oct. 26.—A fire loss of nearly \$750,000 was caused early today by the partial destruction of the Independent Packing Company's plant, one of the largest of the local stock yards industries. No one was injured.

Contribution From the Pope.
Rome, Oct. 26.—The Pope today sent \$2,000 to Manila for use in relieving sufferers from the recent Philippine typhoon.

Turned Down Political Resolution.
Altoona, Pa. Oct. 26.—After scenes of wildest disorder, which ended in a general handshaking last night, the colored Baptist of Pennsylvania, in a conference here refused to allowed a political resolution favoring the republican party to be even so much as offered on the floor of the convention.

Must Not Eat Raw Fish.
Tokio, Oct. 26.—Declaring Bacilli carried by fish responsible for the recent cholera outbreak here the health department today issued warning against eating fish raw, a popular custom in Japan.

Valuable Breed of Dogs.
While several gentlemen were yesterday standing at the southeast corner of Cameron and Pitt streets, where Mr. James Duncan is erecting a large and modern livery stable, they became interested in the manner in which a dog caught rats and devoured them. The canine seemed to know where to tackle the rodents in order to escape their chisle teeth, and after biting them through the back swallowed them whole and while still alive. The tails of the rats switched as they passed to the maw of the dog.

Police Court.
There was but one case before the Police Court this morning. A young man, resident of the extreme southeastern section of the city, had been arrested on the charge of drunken and disorderly conduct. The evidence shown that while in his cups the accused had become involved in a difficulty with a man and his wife of the same neighborhood, during which he was knocked down by the husband. After listening to the testimony of a number of witnesses, male and female, each of whom was positive in his or her declarations, Justice Caton fined the young man \$5 for being drunk and disorderly and his neighbor the same sum for assault.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

T. J. Fannon and wife have sold to Robert L. Monroe seven houses on the east side of Henry street between Duke and Wolfe.

The will of the late James B. Steiner has been admitted to probate in the Circuit Court for the city in vacation. The deceased left his estate to his wife, Mrs. Fannie A. Steiner, who qualified as executrix.

Conrad Johnson has been appointed sergeant quartermaster on the staff of Maj. James E. King, First Virginia Regiment Volunteers.

The funeral of Charles A. Hepburn will take place from his parents residence at 4 o'clock tomorrow (Sunday afternoon) at 4 o'clock, interment in St. Mary's. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

Mr. John Calder died yesterday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Duggar, in Chattanooga, Tenn. The deceased was on a visit to relatives and friends in Alexandria a short time ago. He was a native of Scotland.

Samuel H. Lunt, sold today for W. F. P. Reid in front of the Royal street entrance to the City Hall the thoroughbred percheron stallion "Illinois," to F. H. Williamson, for \$700.

Officer Kern today arrested Mary Middleton, colored, at the instance of the Washington authorities. She is wanted in that city for violating the terms of her parole after having been liberated from the House of Correction. An officer from Washington conducted her to that city this afternoon.

Will be Sent to an Asylum.

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 26.—Mrs. Rovie G. Howl, widow of Frank Howl, who was fatally poisoned in a mysterious manner in Nelson county 2 years ago, is in jail here, having been removed from the Home and Retreat Hospital, where she went for treatment and developed lunacy during the night. She will be sent to an asylum.

When her husband died, Mrs. Howl was arrested, and with John Howl, charged with murder. Moore was convicted and sentenced to electrocution, but escaped from jail and has not been seen since. Mrs. Howl was tried and acquitted.

Classical Dances at Bazaar.

The feature of last night at the bazaar at the Holy Name Bazaar was the classical dancing presented by Miss Madeline Smithson, of Washington. The dance was given in the gymnasium, and the dainty little "fairies," who took part, drew loud applause from the large number in attendance. Last night's crowd was a record-breaker, and it is expected that the crowd tonight will even surpass last night's gathering.

On next Monday night the delegates to the Washington section of the Holy Name Union will meet in Alexandria and after the meeting they will attend the bazaar. A large crowd of Washingtonians is expected. The dancing which is being carried on nightly, is still drawing large crowds, who are lovers of this pastime.

Yesterday afternoon was known as "Children's Day," and all the children from the Parish schools attended the fair. The hall was crowded from 2:30 to 4 o'clock.

Improvements at Rosemont.

F. H. Treat, president of the Washington-Virginia Railroad, and also connected with the Rosemont Development Company, contemplates the erection of several colonial residences at Rosemont in the near future, ground for the first of which will be broken by Contractor Julian D. Knight next Monday. These houses will be handsome in architecture and construction and will still further enhance the value of Rosemont as a residential section.

Seven Houses Sold.

Monroe & Marbury, real estate agents, report the sale of seven six room dwellings, Nos. 306 to 318 south Henry street, to Robert L. Monroe, of this city, who has purchased this property as an investment.

POWERS STRIVING TO BRING PEACE

Europe Alarmed over Probable Outcome of Balkan War.

AUSTRIA'S ACTION.

Language Significant—Wants Liberty of Action in View of Recent Developments.

Sofia, Oct. 26.—That the Bulgarians were storming Adrianople was a report current here at noon today.

Czar Ferdinand, it was said, was too impatient to be on his way to Constantinople to delay for a siege, so gave orders for an assault on the fortifications at once.

The direct attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment to which the Turkish guns made only a feeble response. The city was soon on fire in a number of places and throughout the night the flames lit the sky for many miles around.

It was not expected even here that Adrianople would be taken without a long struggle, so strongly is it fortified, but the speed with which Kirk Killissa was reduced convinced Bulgarians that the Turks are not the fighters today they were a few decades ago.

Three positions, it was said, fell early in the engagement, with the capture of 1,800 Turks. Surrender of the entire garrison of about 60,000 was expected momentarily.

In the meantime, all the Bulgarian troops who are not occupied at Adrianople are pushing briskly to the southward to attack the main Turkish force, 20 or 25 miles away. Turkish non combatants are fleeing before the invaders in terror, though the soldiers are under strict discipline and no ill treatment of unarmed inhabitants is permitted.

Dispatches today say the Servians captured the town of Verisovits, a short distance northeast of Uskub. The victory is considered as foreshadowing the speedy fall of Uskub itself.

Cettenje, Oct. 26.—Montenegrins began bombarding Scutari today. The Turkish guns answered briskly, their shots falling thickly in the camp where Princes Danilo Mirko and Peter are stationed.

London, Oct. 26.—The capture of several more towns by Greek troops in southwestern Turkey was reported in dispatches from Athens today. The Turks, whom the Greeks previously claimed had been driven into a corner where they had no choice but annihilation or surrender, were stated today to be still retreating, butchering Christian women and children in their flight.

Turkey's earlier claims or the crushing of the Servians in Albania were believed today to have been wholly unfounded. Instead of a combined Servian and Bulgarian force was reported maneuvering almost unopposed about Uskub. News that the garrison there has surrendered was expected at any time. The early fall of Scutari under the Montenegrins attack was also hourly anticipated. Constantinople rumors of the Turkish recapture of Kirk Killissa were regarded here as hardly worth consideration.

That the Turks will admit themselves beaten and will ask for terms was considered in diplomatic circles here as a matter probably of hardly more than a few days. The regularity and thoroughness with which the Turks have been beaten wherever they have encountered the enemy has been a source of positive amazement to military men throughout Europe.

Berlin, Oct. 26.—Germany believes that any attempt to intervene in the Balkans would be inopportune at present and maintains an "attitude of reserve" toward the present exchange of views between other powers, it was stated on semi-official authority today foreign diplomats here interpreted the statement as a hint that the Fatherland does not propose to see its ally, Austria, deprived of anything it claims in the near east.

Norfolk Oysters fried at Rammel's Cafe.

DEMOCRATS SEND HELP TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Wilson, Marshall and Carlin Club Send Help to National Committee.

At a meeting of the Wilson, Marshall and Carlin Club which was held last night it was decided to send \$500 at once to the National Democratic Committee to be used for expenses of the National election. This is a portion of the fund which has been subscribed for the campaign by the members of the club, the balance being retained for local expenses.

According to the report from the finance committee which was made last night the amount collected up to the present time is \$591.50. Although the balance remaining after \$500 is sent will not pay the expenses in Alexandria it was decided to send the large contribution in the hope that more money would be secured which could be used to pay the local expenses.

No definite arrangements were made for the mass meeting of the Alexandria democrats but it was said that a meeting would be held next week which would be addressed by speakers of National reputation.

Death From Whooping Cough.

A little son of Rev. Quincy Hall, died from whooping cough yesterday at his parents' home, near Gambrell, Fairfax county. A little grandson of George Young, residing in the same neighborhood, is suffering from the malady and is not expected to survive.

The disease is termed "German whooping cough," and attacks old and young alike, and is said to be extremely dangerous.

Conditions at Little Falls.

Little Falls, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The mass picketing of the strikers this morning at the local textile mills went on quietly. Robert Bakeman, released from Herkimer jail on a bond pending an appeal appeared in line and perfect control was exercised over the men, who refrained from all use of the word "scab," the shouting of which nearly led to a serious clash yesterday.

Bakeman urged the strikers to stand together but to avoid all troubles not to fight, even though attacked. Mass meetings of the strikers will be held at the City Theatre tonight, and tomorrow and Sunday afternoon there will be a parade of the strikers' children.

Grabow Murder Trial.

Lake Charles, La., Oct. 26.—The examination of private detectives connected with the Burns agency continued in the Grabow murder trial today. T. N. Harrell, one of the detectives, swore he joined the Brotherhood of Timber Workers' and attended the Emerson Haywood meeting at Merryville, July 3, when, he said, the descent upon Grabow was planned.

Harrell said that he attended a meeting of the union at a school house in the woods the evening before "the battle" of Grabow; made the trip to Deridder for the big round up the next morning; rode in the wagon with President Emerson on the way to Grabow; fled from the field with the unionists after the riot; met and talked with them afterwards; was finally arrested with forty-nine others for participation in the riot and even had his statement taken by attorneys for the defense.

Automobile Fatalities.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 26.—With the deaths of Mrs. Albert S. Haller and daughter Frances, 5, in the city hospital today, the toll of the automobile accident when Albert F. Haller, dean of the Indianapolis College of Pharmacy and his son, Earl, 10, were instantly killed, was brought up to four. William Haller, a brother of the dead man, who was riding with the Haller family was badly bruised. He said today he believed his brother became confused in trying to pass another automobile and did not see the car approaching.

Funeral of The Late J. H. Robey.

The funeral of the late John H. Robey will take place from the residence on Jefferson street, between Lee and Fairfax, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. L. Allison, pastor of Second Presbyterian church. The pall bearers will be Messrs. Fountain Beattie, J. A. Eggborn, Joseph C. Gates, P. F. Gorman and L. H. Thompson.

ASSAULT ON CITY OF ADRIANOPLE

Montenegrin Bombardment of Scutari is Now In Progress.

SERVIANS AT USKUB.

Greeks Capture More Towns in Southwestern Turkey—Turkish Army Guarding Constantinople.

Paris, Oct. 26.—Though it was not officially announced, it was known that the French foreign office was straining every resource to secure peaceful intervention by the Powers in the Balkans before outside international complications develop.

England was counted on for support. Italy, which has gained much in prestige through the success of its campaign in Tripoli, was also depended on to do its best in the interests of peace.

Germany was considered doubtful. For himself, it was believed, the Kaiser probably would not consider it worth while to fight, but it was feared he would refuse to join in existing pressure on his ally Austria.

Austria and Russia were looked on with grave anxiety. The former, it was believed, is determined, if not to attempt a grab of Turkish territory, at least to prevent the Balkan allies from gaining title to territory which it wants ultimately for itself. Russia was considered equally certain to insist on permitting the allies to keep whatever they may seize, of course with a view to its virtual control by the Czar, whose influence with the Balkan government is paramount.

Vienna, Oct. 26.—Austria and Russia have informed Turkey that "in view of the developments," they "reserve liberty of action." It was reported here on good authority today. The message can only mean one thing—that the Vienna and St. Petersburg governments consider the Turks beaten and propose to protect their own interests regardless of consideration for the sultan or the wishes of the other powers.

Vienna, Oct. 26.—The retreat of the army at Kirk Killissa with the bulk of his army, has been cut off by the Bulgarians according to a Sofia report this afternoon. Kukhtar and his men will have to surrender it was said or be cut to pieces. The Bulgarians are understood to have captured immense quantities of Turkish supplies including two aeroplanes.

Vienna, Oct. 26.—His enemy's grip tightened on the Turk's throat today, small sympathy was shown for him in the chancelleries of Europe. Even those who object to seeing him beaten base their objection on selfish grounds. Perhaps they are more bitter toward him than those who call themselves his foes, for the Turk has not fought as he was expected to fight.

Adrianople's fall was hourly expected. In the fighting in that vicinity thus far some estimates place the number of Turks killed as high as 15,000, which probably is an exaggeration. The Turks today made a counter claim to a victory over the Bulgarians at Kadioki, northwest of Adrianople, with 160,000 loss to the enemy, but the story was not believed here.

From Greek sources came an account of a three day's fight at Kavakley, in the southwest, in which the Greeks were victorious and 1,300 Turks were killed.

Conductor Killed.

Conductor Thomas, of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, was killed at Mannasas last night by being struck by a moving train. The deceased was in charge of a C. & O. freight train. Conductor Thomas was a resident of Charlottesville and was about 35 years old. He leaves a widow and several children.

FOR RENT.—From November 9th desirable corner house with all modern conveniences. Corner Cameron and St. Asaph streets. Apply 602 Cameron street. 11-2w.